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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE

PROPOSED ACTION: Idaho Power Company, Evander Andrews Complex, Mountain Home, Idaho applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct to operate an air pollution-emitting source located at 1862 Mashburn Road, Mountain Home. The project includes the installation of a new 170 megawatt combustion turbine and associated auxiliary equipment to provide electrical power generation to meet peak system load requirements. DEQ has determined that construction and operation according to the proposed permit will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ has reviewed the application and completed an analysis of the information submitted by the applicant. Based on this analysis, DEQ proposes to issue the permit to construct to Idaho Power Company.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Notice is given that the DEQ has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No. AQ -0709, Project No. P-060065 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application, and the proposed permit in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209. The application materials, the proposed permit and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed permit. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include supporting materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255; joan.lechtenberg@deq.idaho.gov; or on DEQ's website. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or questions. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list server and receive electronic information automatically at http://www.deq.idaho.gov. If you do not have web access you may review the materials on our website at the DEQ Regional Office located at 1445 N Orchard, Boise, Idaho.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Tracy Drouin at (208) 373-0502.

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All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and <u>received</u> by the undersigned on or before 5 p.m. MST/MDT, April 30, 2007.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2007.

Joan Lechtenberg Air Quality Division